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ELECTRIC POWER)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,990,633
- (2) JP 03-101181
- (3) JP 07-336910
- (4) JP 08-070533
- (5) JP 2000-502502
- (6) JP 2002-033220

Copies of documents (2) to (6) are enclosed.

Documents (2) to (6) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated April 18, 2005, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Partial English-language translations accompany each of documents (2) and (3), and English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (3), (4) and (6). Additionally, it is noted that document (1) is an English-language counterpart for document (5). The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents (2) to (6) is believed to be satisfied by the partial English-language translations, the English language abstracts and the English language counterpart. See MPEP § 609.

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